

The FCC should disregard the self-serving opposition of the NAB to XM Satellite Radio's traffic and weather service. While land-based radio has exploited the public airwaves with more and more commercials and the lowest standards of decency in history, they have simultaneously eliminated many hundreds of jobs through consolidation. Their programming is to the lowest common denominator, unimaginative, mechanical and repetitive. They are simply milking the medium for every dollar they can squeeze out of it, and the public be damned. Meanwhile XM has done a magnificent job of virtually re-inventing radio and giving listeners the highest quality listening choices. And choice remains the issue: how can additional services like traffic and weather on XM restrict my choice to listen to land-based radio? The government should be in the business of helping new businesses and consumer choices, and land-based radio needs to re-examine their priorities, stop the profiteering, and improve their own product rather than trying to restrict XM from improving theirs.